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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 812

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill adds an insurance producer as a voting member of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange board of directors as of July 1, 2013. It requires the governor to appoint the producer to the board by that date for an initial two-year term. Subsequent terms are four years.

With some exceptions, the bill subjects the new appointee to the same qualifications, prohibitions, and requirements as existing board members. Under current law, a board appointee cannot (1) be employed by, serve as a consultant to, be a board member of, be affiliated with, or represent an insurer, insurance producer or broker, health care provider, health care facility, or health or medical clinic or (2) be a member, board member, or employee of, a trade association of insurers, insurance producers or brokers, health care providers, health care facilities, or health or medical clinics. The bill exempts the insurance producer appointee from these restrictions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange***

Under current law, the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange board of directors consists of 14 members: 12 voting (eight appointees and four *ex-officio*) and two non-voting *ex-officio* members. The board is responsible for implementing and overseeing the state's health insurance exchange, an online marketplace where individuals and small employers can compare and purchase health insurance plans that meet the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

A board member cannot, for one year after serving on the board, accept a job with any health carrier (e.g., insurer or HMO) that offers a qualified health benefit plan through the exchange.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    19    Nay   0    (02/19/2013)